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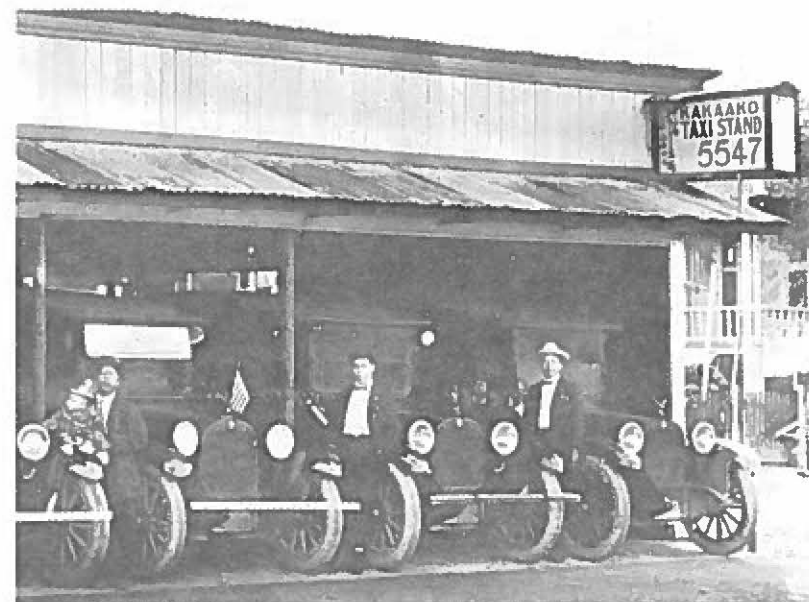
ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

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REMEMBERING KAKAAKO: 1910-1950



Twenty-six former workers and residents of Kakaako, once known as the toughest section in Honolulu (and today a controversial area slated for redevelopment), focus on sports, community organizations and the old neighborhood as it was when Kakaako was home for 5,000 of the city's working class.



"Kakaako and Kewalo district which is together, it was all big homes and very old, you know . . . all had wooden picket fence . . . yards were beautiful . . . flowers and plants . . . the backyard was all full of vegetables . . . chickens and stuff like that. People were friendly . . . they know each other by their first names . . . back in the 1920s. The Hawaiian people, Portuguese, Japanese, Chinese, they all got together, you know."

CHARLES FRAZIER, retired printer



"She's a big woman [Mother Waldron, one of the chief organizing forces in Kakaako, 1912-1934]. Big jowls, just like a bulldog. Rough. Big. I would say almost 300 pounds . . . You got naughty, she'll spank you with the hairbrush. [If the principal couldn't handle you, you got sent to Mother Waldron.] She work you over. So nobody want to go see her . . . but she took care of people . . . she took care of the playground . . . there was wayward girls, eh. Hapai . . . she taught them cooking, sewing . . . take care baby. She had a lot of support from the community."

DAVID TAI LOY HO, retired fireman



"It was from one sport to another, see . . . basketball, baseball . . . football. Our life was centered around sports mostly . . ."

LANCE CARREIRA, Waldron Ltd. supervisor



"1932 is where I began when I had one or two guys, you know. Training in the back of where I was living. And then went to Kewalo Club, this is where I formed the nucleus . . . Had about 10 boys at that time . . . So we had a unique Kakaako style . . . Even today, they talk about Kakaako style, you know."

YONOICHI KITAGAWA, former boxing coach and machinist



"The Holy Ghost Festival, a seven-week celebration of Pentecost, featured a parade, an auction, and a bazaar . . . And the priest would go there [to members' homes] . . . they give you a piece of meat, and they give you a loaf of bread, and a loaf of sweetbread, and a bottle of wine. But the priest would come there [to the Hall] on Friday night and bless all that meat, you know. And then on a Saturday morning, they go and deliver all that meat to all the members."

GLORIA PACHECO FELIX, retired factory worker, cook and housewife